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SUBJECT: JORDAN POTASH PROJECT

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1. DR. JOSEPH JACOBS OF JACOBS ENGINEERING CO., PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, WHICH HAS DONE EXTENSIVE STUDIES ON GOJ POTASH PROJECT, HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE WILL BE IN AMMAN APRIL 12-16 FOR TALKS WITH DR. SALEM. JACOBS WANTS TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND WILL PHONE EMBASSY FOLLOWING ARRIVAL. HE WILL STAY AT INTERCONTINENTAL.

2. BEFORE GOING TO AMMAN JACOBS WILL VISIT KUWAIT APRIL 10-12 WHERE HE PLANS TO MEET WITH LENDERS (HE HAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SAEB JAROUDI OF AFESD) AND CONVINCED THEM OF NECESSITY OF BEGINNING WORK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON JORDAN POTASH PROJECT. ACCORDING TO JACOBS, LEVEL OF DEAD SEA IS FALLING AND IF JORDANIANS DO NOT GET DIKES UP QUICKLY, PROJECT MAY BECOME ECONOMICALLY UNTENABLE. JACOBS WILL PHONE DCM KUWAIT ON ARRIVAL TO EXPLAIN MISSION AND REQUEST APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. RUSH

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